Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, NASCAR racing legend, Dale Earnhardt, was born on April 29, 1951; and,

Whereas, With 71 racing victories during his career, including 7 Winston Cup Championships, 4 IROC Championships, 10 wins as Talladega Super Speedway, and 34 wins at Daytona International Speedway, Dale Earnhardt was truly the face of NASCAR, inspiring fans throughout South Dakota and the nation with his skill on the track; and,

Whereas, Dale Earnhardt, known as The Terminator at the wheel of the #3 car, created a legacy by amassing so many wins; and,

Whereas, Dale changed the sport of racing, bridging past, present and future generations of fans by upholding the finest NASCAR traditions while remaining a cutting-edge competitor throughout his entire career; and,

Whereas, Dale's tragic death on February 18, 2001, deeply touched countless people, and the loss of this great icon of auto racing and his presence at tracks across the country will be missed for generations to come:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2006, as

DALE EARNHARDT DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State